

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1-26 (canceled).

Claim 27 (new): A straddle type vehicle comprising:
a fuel tank including an opening; and
a fuel pump assembly positioned at least partially inside of the fuel tank, the fuel pump assembly including a fuel pump; wherein
the fuel pump has a length longer than a width and a pump axis extending along the length of the fuel pump; and
the pump axis extends substantially in a width direction of the vehicle.

Claim 28 (new): The straddle type vehicle of claim 27, further comprising:
a frame assembly including a frame component that extends at an angle downward and rearward such that a rear portion of the frame component is lower than a forward portion of the frame component; wherein
the fuel tank straddles the frame assembly in the width direction of the vehicle;
and
the fuel pump assembly is positioned in a rearward portion of the fuel tank.

Claim 29 (new): The straddle type vehicle of claim 27, wherein the opening has a size that permits insertion of the fuel pump assembly into the fuel tank.

Claim 30 (new): The straddle type vehicle of claim 29, wherein the opening has an elongated shape.

Claim 31 (new): The straddle type vehicle of claim 30, wherein the fuel pump assembly includes an attaching portion having a size slightly larger than the size of the opening such that the attaching portion can be arranged to close the opening.

Claim 32 (new): The straddle type vehicle of claim 31, wherein the attaching portion is positioned under only a portion of the fuel pump.

Claim 33 (new): The straddle type vehicle of claim 32, wherein the attaching portion is positioned under less than half of the fuel pump.

Claim 34 (new): The straddle type vehicle of claim 27, wherein the pump axis extends substantially in a horizontal direction.

Claim 35 (new): A straddle type vehicle comprising:
a frame assembly;
a fuel tank straddling the frame assembly in a width direction of the vehicle, the fuel tank including a substantially horizontal surface portion at a bottom of the fuel tank;
and
a fuel pump assembly in the fuel tank, the fuel pump assembly including a fuel pump; wherein
the fuel pump has a length longer than a width and a pump axis extending along the length of the fuel pump;
the fuel pump is mounted to the substantially horizontal surface portion with the pump axis of the fuel pump extending substantially in the width direction of the vehicle.

Claim 36 (new): The straddle type vehicle of claim 35, wherein the frame assembly includes a frame component that extends at an angle downward and rearward such that a rear portion of the frame component is lower than a forward portion of the frame component; and

the fuel pump assembly is positioned in a rearward portion of the fuel tank.

Claim 37 (new): The straddle type vehicle of claim 35, wherein the fuel tank includes a recessed forward portion, the frame assembly extends alongside the recessed forward portion such that the fuel tank straddles the frame assembly, and the fuel pump assembly is positioned rearward of the recessed forward portion of the fuel tank.

Claim 38 (new): The straddle type vehicle of claim 35, wherein the fuel tank includes a pump attaching opening defined in at least a portion of the substantially horizontal surface portion, and the pump attaching opening has a size to permit insertion of the fuel pump assembly into the fuel tank.

Claim 39 (new): The straddle type vehicle of claim 38, wherein the pump attaching opening has an elongated shape.

Claim 40 (new): The straddle type vehicle of claim 38, wherein the fuel pump assembly includes an attaching portion having a size slightly larger than the size of the pump attaching opening such that the attaching portion can be arranged to close the pump attaching opening.

Claim 41 (new): The straddle type vehicle of claim 40, wherein the attaching portion is positioned under only a portion of the fuel pump.

Claim 42 (new): The straddle type vehicle of claim 41, wherein the attaching portion is positioned under less than half of the fuel pump.